Abstract of the Disclosure

5   In a multi-node system, a method and apparatus to implement a locked-bus transaction is described. In one embodiment, a bus agent initiates a locked-bus transaction and a node controller defers the transaction so that it will be initiated again at a later time. The node controller then sends the locked bus request to one or more other node controllers in the system, which prevent bus transaction at their respective busses. Once the requesting node controller

10   receives confirmation that the other nodes are locked, it can allow the locked-bus transaction to proceed from the bus agent.

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